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LB 287

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on AM1710, which is the Revenue Committee amendments to LB 287. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Friend, followed by Senators Connealy, Raikes, Bromm, Stuthman. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, what I watched yesterday reminded me a little bit, and what I've watched already in the first five minutes today, reminded me a little bit of there was an old movie that I absolutely love and I think it was...some of the Thespians will have to help me out, Francis Ford Coppola, the Patton movie in 1970, I think. There was one scene, and George C. Scott brought him to life. It was the most colorful thing. It was like Patton is greater now than he ever has been because of that movie. And George C. Scott is looking out over a scared, tortured battlefield and he's looking at the dead bodies, the Germans and the Americans in France, and he says to his aide...it was like a Colonel Codman, something of that nature. He said, look at it, "Cod," just look at it. He said, nothing in the world can compare to war as far as a human endeavor is concerned. He said, look at it. God help me, I love it. God help me, I do love it so. I watched this yesterday...I watched this out on the floor yesterday, and even though I didn't agree with it, I got to tell you I loved it. I absolutely loved it, and that's scary because this will end for me, like I've said, sooner than later, and it's hard to love something that can't love you back, and I wonder about that as well. That notwithstanding and with all due respect to everybody in here, what transpired on this floor yesterday, if it actually comes to fruition I believe it will send Nebraska in the wrong direction. I believe it would further damage our economy. Increasing taxes, to me, and what we're doing even with this bill and this amendment is fundamentally wrong. An increasing taxation, it counters micro...sound micro and macroeconomic theory and, to me, it's bad public policy and it's incorrect for citizens like myself, who are living paycheck to paycheck in my district, and there's a lot of them, that just don't understand it. And there's so many things that I don't understand about what's happening here. I told Kermit yesterday, Senator Brashear yesterday, I don't...there's so many things I don't get, but I